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TAGS: OEXC GA (TOURAY, CHERNO B AND SARR, MOMODOU)

SUBJECT: FY 74 EDUCATION TRAVEL PROGRAM

1. LETTERS, TICKETS, CHECKS FROM OCA RECEIVED FOR ABOVE GRANTEEES WHO DUE NY JFK ON PA 187 SEP 12. VISAS ISSUED.

2. INFOR PACKETS REFERRED TO IN OCA LETTERS OF JULY 30 NOT YET RECEIVED. POSSIBLY DUPLICATES OUGHT TO BE ON HAND FOR DISTRIBUTION ON ARRIVAL NY.

3. SARR RECENTLY ASSIGNED DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH , SPORTS AND SOCIAL WELFARE AS LIAISON OFFICER BETWEEN CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN PROMOTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN RURAL AREAS. HOPE TO OBSERVE AND PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICE PROJECTS IN THE U.S., PARTICULARLY IN RURAL BUT ALSO IN INNER CITY SITUATIONS. A PROBLEM IN THE GAMBIA, AS IN IN MANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IS TO STEM DRIFT FROM RURAL TO URBAN AREAS. THIS IS A MAJOR CONCERN FOR SARR. HE ALSO NTERESTED IN WHATEVER HE CAB OBSERVE IN ANTI-POVERTY PROGRAMS WHICH MIGHT BE APPLICABLE HERE, IN FAMILY PLANNING PROJECTS, PARTICULARLY IN POOR AREAS SUCH AS RURAL SOUTH AND APPALACHIA. HE IS INTERESTED IN WHAT MEANS ARE AVAILABLE FOR IMPROVEMENT OF SUB-STANDARD HOUSING, EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNEMPLOYED, SANITATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH TRAINIG.

4. TOURAY ALSO CONCERNED WITH FOREGOING BUT WITH PARTICULAR UNCLASSIFIED

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EMPHASIS ON ROLE OF SPORTS IN STEMMING DRIFT OF YOUTH TO CITIES.

WANTS TO SEE HOW U.S. COMMUNITIES ADMINISTER AND FUND PROGRAMS. LARGE CITY PROJECTS LESS RELEVANT THAN SMALL TOWNS, RURAL AREAS AND INNER CITY SITUATIONS. HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A TYPICAL PRIMARY, HIGH SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC PROGRAM AND TO LEARN HOW THEY ARE ADMINISTERED AND FINANCED. THE LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL SCHEME (WITH BOTH ITS FAULTS AND VIRTUES HIGHLIGHTED) MAY BE RELEVANT IN THAT IT IS A SUCCESSFUL NATIONWIDE ACTIVITY FOR YOUNGSTERS. BOTH TOURAY AND SARR WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO MEET LEADING INDIVIDUAL ATHLETES, BOTH AMATEUR AND PROFESSIONAL, TO ATTEND CLINICS OR WORKSHOPS IN COACHING AND REFEREEING OF BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, HANDBALL, TENNIS, TRACK AND FIELD. PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN MEETING ARTHUR ASHE, ABDUL KABIR JABAR AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL BLACK ATHLETES.

5. BOTH WILL BE INTERESTED IN 4-H, FFA AND OTHER RURAL AG., YOUTH-ORIENTED, ACTIVITIES. VISIT TO OUTSTANDING AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL RECOMMENDED. CAPE KENNEDY, HOUSTON OR OTHER SPACE CENTER, MARINELAND, DISNEY WORLD SHOULD BE WORKED IN IF FEASIBLE. MCFARLAND

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